

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1114 – SB 1062

March 1, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires operators of motorboats that carry passengers for hire be licensed, inspected, and approved by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) when operating such motorboats within Sevier County. Requires motorboats carrying passengers for hire within a state park to adhere to operational guidelines, including, but not limited to, a maximum boat speed of 30 miles per hour and boat operation timelines. Creates a Class A misdemeanor for violations resulting in a minimum fine of \$1,500 upon conviction for each offense, but no more than \$4,000.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Revenue – \$200/Wildlife Resources Fund

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013935): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Adds a new section to Title 69, Chapter 9, Part 2 relative to boating safety and motorboats that carry passengers for hire in a tourist resort county. Restricts the hours of operation for motorboats for hire. Restricts where certain maneuvers may be performed by the motorboats.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation restricts the operation of motorboats that carry passengers for hire in a tourist resort county, as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 42-1-301, which includes Blount, Sevier, and Cocke counties.
- The Tennessee Boating Safety Act of 1965, compiled in Title 69, Chapter 9, Part 2, charges the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) with enforcing and administering the Act.
- The proposed legislation does not change TWRA's responsibility under the Boating Safety Act.

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- The proposed legislation will not impact the policies and operations of the TWRA. TWRA will ensure compliance with the provisions of this legislation utilizing existing resources without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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